



Rebecca Steinberger, Ph.D.



Marnie Hiestler Idec, Ph.D.

MU profs awarded tenure

Misericordia University has awarded tenure and promotions to three Back Mountain members of the faculty. Rebecca Steinberger, Ph.D., English department chair; Glen M. Tellis, Ph.D., speech-language pathology department chair; and Marnie Hiestler Idec, Ph.D., psychology department chair, were each promoted to full professors.

Dr. Hiestler Idec, of Tunkhannock, joined the Misericordia faculty in 1993 and was named an associate professor of psychology in 2000 and department chair in 2007. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Drew University and holds a doctorate in developmental psychology from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Idec is a member of the Association for Psychological Science.

Dr. Steinberger, of Shavertown, received her bachelor's degree in English from Wilkes University and her master's in English with a concentration in Medieval and Renaissance drama and Irish literature from The Uni-



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versity of Scranton. She holds a Ph.D. in English literature and criticism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

She joined the Misericordia faculty in 2000 and was appointed chair of the English Department in 2008.

Dr. Tellis, Ph.D., of Dallas, is a board-recognized fluency specialist who has been department chair and an associate professor of speech-language pathology in the College of Health Sciences at Misericordia University since 2006.

Dr. Tellis earned his Ph.D. in communication sciences and disorders from The Pennsylvania State University and holds a master's degree in speech pathology from California State University, Fresno, and a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology with a minor in anthropology from St. Xavier's College, the University of Bombay.

'Aladdin Jr.' comes to MU

The Lemmond Theater at Misericordia University in Dallas will be transformed into the scenes of the Arabian Nights as the theater hosts two productions of the musical Disney's "Aladdin Jr."

The children's theater school, Back Stage Pass, a division of the Harris Conservatory, will present the comic work at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13.

The title role of Aladdin will be played by Ben Naus. He will be joined by Konner Krackenfels as Jasmine, Maria Melchiona as Genie, Melissa Solack as Jafar, Jessica Kline as Iago, Edward Murdoch as The Sultan and Frankie Bellia and Nicole Birosak as the main narrators.

Rounding out the cast are Julia Clime as Razoul, Grace Aiello as Nadira, Gianna Piccolotti as Farrah, Alyssa Hess as Nizrine and Chase Santayana as Mazin.

Tickets for "Aladdin Jr." are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and can be purchased at the Harris Conservatory for the Arts on Charles Street in Luzerne. Children 5 years of age and under are admitted free.

ROSS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE BUILDING



Students of the Building nominees for the month of February at Ross Elementary School are, from left, first row, Jacob Teetsel, Brooke Faux, Robert Ritinski, Kaleigh Koss, Kate Roberts, Corrine Tronsue, Brianna Lee and Paige Edwards. Second row, Donald James, principal; Jeremy Williams, third-grade teacher; Jessica Derhammer, Nick Perkins, Clayton Vasey, Garrett Kolb, Joshua Hinkley, Andrew Leahy, Nicholas Mrochko and Gennifer Pauley, second-grade teacher. The students are recognized for Citizenship, Academics and/or Improvement.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Misericordia honored for third year

Misericordia University has been named for the third straight year by the Corporation for National and Community Service to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service learning and civic engagement.

The Honor Roll award recognizes more than 700 institutions of higher education for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice.

Program addresses elder abuse

The Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Elder Abuse Task Force of Pennsylvania will host two free elder financial abuse education programs,

"Protecting Yourself from Elder Financial Fraud: Don't Become a Victim!" from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, March 8, in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall at Misericordia University.

To register, call 822-1158. Lunch will be served following the noon workshop and light refreshments will be available at the evening program. Deadline for registration is March 1.

Lake-Noxen Class of 1960 will meet

Members of the Lake-Noxen Class of 1960 will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 8, at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake. All classmates interested in planning the 50 year reunion are urged to attend.

Lock-In Committee meets March 11

The Dallas High School 2010 Graduation Lock-In committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, in the high school library.

Students are asked to e-mail a baby or toddler photo and a photo from senior year to lockinpics@comcast.net for the Lock-In video. Photos will be returned the night of the Lock-In.

Prom Fashion Show slated at Lake-Lehman

The Lake-Lehman High School Theatre Club will sponsor a Prom Fashion Show from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 12, at the Lake-Lehman High School.

Fashions will be provided by Kathy Nardone of Prom Excitement and Sarno and Sons. Gift certificates for gowns and prom needs will be raffled. Admission is \$2.

MU sets Movie Night

The Misericordia University Student Activities Department has announced the campus will begin to offer movies in the recently renovated Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

The schedule includes "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" at 3 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 14.

Admission is \$1 for Misericordia students with ID and \$2 for the general public. For more information, call 674-6411.

Lock-In fundraiser set

The Dallas Lock-In Committee will hold a fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, at Friendly's Restaurant in Dallas. A percentage of eat-in or take-out sales from that day will be donated to the Lock-In.

The Lock-In is an alcohol-free, drug-free, fully chaperoned, all-night party for the graduating class on June 4.

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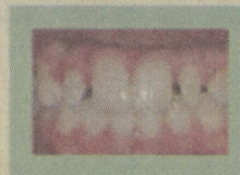
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